THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These proposals would be considered alongwith similar proposals received from other State Governments after finalisation of the Tenth Five Year Plan keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

Integrated Proposals for development of NHs

1956. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the State Governments have submitted integrated proposals for the development of National Highways; and

(b) if so, whether such proposals are considered favourably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Submission of proposals for the development of National Highways by the State Governments is a continuous process. However, the projects finding place in the Annual Plan of the particular year only are processed further.

Amount Sanctioned for Stilwell Road in Arunachal Pradesh

1957. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been sanctioned to Government of Arunachal Pradesh for building the Stilwell Road as National Highway No. 153;

(b) if so, whether the fund has been released; and

(c) the time frame for completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) National Highway No. 153 has been

recently entrusted to State PWD vide Notification dated 8th August, 2001. No work has been sanctioned so far on this NH.

(c) The development and maintenance of the National Highway is a continuing process and no target date can be indicated.

Disbursement of Credit to SSI by Italy

1958. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Italian Government is disbursing credit to promote SSI and medium units in India.

(b) if so, the amount of funds being given as credit;

(c) the sectors which are being benefited through this credit;

(d) the terms and conditions of this credit facility; and

(e) how many units have applied for this credit and the criteria for identifying the units for getting this credit facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Italian Government has made available a soft loan of Italian Lira 10 billion (Rs. 20.00 crores approx.) by extending a Line of Credit to the National Small Industries Corporation Limited.

(c) This credit is available for acquisition of Italian machinery and services related to Leather, Electronics, Plastics, Mechanical, Automobile Components, Textile, Food Processing and Packaging, Marble and Granite Processing & Extraction sectors.

(d) The terms and conditions for availing this credit facility are given in the Statement *(see* below).

(e) Till date seven units have approached NSIC for availing assistance. Units with fixed investment of US $ 0.03 to 1.00 million are eligible for getting this credit facility.